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LONDON, MARCH 25 (WEDNESDAY); REUTER -- THE DAILY MAIL NEWSPAPER SAID TODAY FORMER LABOR PARLIAMENTARIAN AND PARTY CHAIRMAN TOM DRIBERG HAD BEEN A DOUBLE AGENT SPYING FOR BOTH BRITISH AND SOVIET INTELLIGENCE.

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JOURNALIST CHAPMAN PINCHER, WHO TWO DAYS AGO NAMED SIR ROGER HOLLIS, A FORMER HEAD OF BRITISH COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE, AS A PROBABLE SOVIET AGENT, NAMED DRIBERG IN THE LATEST EXTRACT FROM HIS FORTHCOMING BOOK "THEIR TRADE IS TREACHERY" DEALING WITH BRITISH ESPIONAGE SECRETS.

PINCHER SAID FOR 30 YEARS DRIBERG, WHO DIED IN 1976, REPORTED TO BOTH BRITAIN'S COUNTER-ESPIONAGE SERVICE MI5 AND THE KGB ON THE PRIVATE LIVES AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF PARLIAMENTARY COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS.

"BOTH MI5 AND THE KGB HAD NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE FACT THAT HE WAS WORKING FOR THE OTHER SIDE," PINCHER WROTE. "BOTH SOUGHT TO USE HIM FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES."

PINCHER SAID DRIBERG WAS A COMPULSIVE HOMOSEXUAL REPEATEDLY CAUGHT IN HOMOSEXUAL ACTS IN PUBLIC PLACES BUT SAVED FROM PROSECUTION BY HIS MI5 CONNECTION.†

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PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER IS DUE TO MAKE A STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT ON THURSDAY ON PINCHER'S ALLEGATION THAT SIR ROGER, THE FORMER HEAD OF MI5, MAY HAVE BEEN A SOVIET SPY FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS.

SIR ROGER, WHO DIED IN 1973, WAS DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF MI5 FROM 1956 TO 1965.

PINCHER SAID DRIBERG HAD BEEN RECRUITED BEFORE WORLD WAR II BY THE BRITISH COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE SERVICE AND INFILTRATED INTO THE COMMUNIST PARTY FROM WHICH HE WAS LATER EXPELLED.

OVER SEVERAL YEARS HE HANDED OVER TO MI5 MANY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS PAID BY SOVIET AGENTS FOR HIS REPORTS, PINCHER SAID.

DRIBERG ENTERED PARLIAMENT IN 1942 AND ON HIS RETIREMENT IN 1974 WAS MADE A LIFE PEER WITH THE TITLE OF LORD BRADWELL. HE BELONGED TO THE LABOR PARTY'S NATIONAL EXECUTIVE FROM 1949 TO 1974 AND WAS PARTY CHAIRMAN IN 1958.

CHAPMAN PINCHER HAS EXPOSED A NUMBER OF DEFENSE AND SECURITY SCANDALS SINCE THE WORLD WAR II. HIS BOOK IS DUE TO BE PUBLISHED THIS WEEK.†

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